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**TEST ACTIVITY**  
**PAVLOGRAD SOLID MOTOR TEST FACILITY, USSR (SWN)**

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: TESTING OF A POSSIBLE NEW LAUNCH ASSIST DEVICE (LAD) FOR AN SS-18 FOLLOW-ON, OR A NEW MISSILE SYSTEM CONTINUED AT THE PAVLOGRAD SOLID MOTOR TEST FACILITY. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY CONTINUES IN THE SS-17/18 LAD TEST AREA. LAD-ASSOCIATED TESTING HAS BEEN ONGOING SINCE AT LEAST [ ] WHEN THE LAD TEST POSITION WAS ASSEMBLED AND READIED FOR A TEST. WHEN NEXT SEEN [ ] THE TEST POSITION WAS PARTIALLY DISMANTLED (EXTENSION POLES AND DOMED-TOP SECTION REMOVED) INDICATING A TEST HAD PROBABLY OCCURRED. [ ] NO CHANGE WAS NOTED AT THE TEST POSITION; HOWEVER, A MOBILE CRANE WAS OPERATING NEAR THE TEST POSITION. A POSSIBLE LAD OR TEST APPARATUS [ ]

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[ ] WAS ON THE TEST APRON. BY COMPARISON, THE SS-18 SYSTEM USES THE LARGEST KNOWN SOVIET LAD WHICH

[ ] A LOWBOY-TYPE TRAILER WITH A MAZ PRIME MOVER WAS BACKED UP TO THE LAD/TEST APPARATUS. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL PIECES OF TEST HARDWARE HAD BEEN REMOVED OR REPOSITIONED IN THE TEST AREA. (SWN)

IN POSSIBLY RELATED ACTIVITY, IN EARLY AUGUST A CANISTER/CAPSULE (CAN/CAP) TRAIN LOADED WITH SS-18 MOD-4 CANISTER COMPONENTS WAS AT THE NEARBY PAVLOGRAD SOLID MOTOR ASSEMBLY AND TEST SUPPORT FACILITY [ ]. AS [ ] THE LOADED CAN/CAP TRAIN WAS UNDER THE RAIL SHED. A LOADED CAN/CAP TRAIN WAS LAST SEEN AT THIS FACILITY IN AUGUST 1980. (SWN) [ ]

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3. [ ] COORDINATES 48-26-00N 035-58-23E (S)

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